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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Sharad Jolt to Labour Reforms` appearingin the Statesman dated October 12,2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the case regarding labour reforms essential to kick start the second generation of economic reforms;and

(c) the action taken to amend the relevant Acts to empower managements as recommended by the labour Commission in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Review/updation of Labour Lawsis a continuous process in order to make them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs. Taking into consideration the emerging global economic situation and particularly after the introduction of new economic policy in 1991 by the Govt. of India, the need has been felt to make amendments in certain labour legislations so as to bring them in tune with the market oriented economy giving the domestic industry a level playing field to face the global competition. The Government have also set up the Second National Commission on Labour on 15.10.1999. The Commission would inter-alia take into account the emerging economic environment involving rapid technological changes, globalisation of economy, liberalization of trade and industry, emphasis on international competitiveness and also the need for bringing the existing laws in tune with the future labour market needs and demands. The report of the Commission is expected by 15.02.2002.